

IGNORANCE AT WASHINGTON.

The Roosevelt administration, it was announced a few days ago, has decided to assume a neutral attitude in the event of war between Russia and Japan. Then again came the announcement that Uncle Sam was going to be good because Russia had given the assurance that she would recognize and honor any treaty rights the United States or any other nation has with China. Russia's assurance eased up the gripes which Uncle Sam had about his Mukden and Antung concession, but it seems that the old fellow didn't get much when he made his deal with China as to those so-called ports. Has he been deceived because he carries a con skin grip and appears to be open to a trade for a gold brick? Anyhow, Uncle Sam's managers have been made a monkey of, judging from the following from Wednesday's Washington Post, under the caption of "Nonsense from High Quarters":

It would be interesting to know what the government expects to accomplish by disseminating such absurd official bulletins as this: "Not the slightest difficulty is expected at the State Department in putting into operation those sections of the treaty providing for the opening of American commerce of the new ports of Mukden and Antung. The President has prepared for this by submitting estimates to Congress for the salaries of consuls and nominations will be sent in very soon. On their confirmation the consuls will proceed to Mukden, present their credentials, secure their exequaturs, and, repairing to their posts, will open consular offices ready to clear American merchant ships for the first time from interior Manchuria for the first time."

It is incredible that any official or employee of the State Department can be so ignorant as to believe that even the smallest American merchant ship capable of crossing the ocean could get to Mukden or Antung even if we had a whole swarm of consuls there ready to clear it for its homeward voyage. Mukden is not a port at all, as is no longer. It is an inland city some 250 miles from navigable water and accessible for commercial purposes only by means of the great Siberian Railway. It is no more a port, in the sense intended in the above quoted paragraph, than Denver, or Oklahoma City, or any other inland city.

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HANNA AND THE DROP CURTAIN.

There are people who still insist that Senator Hanna's stage curtain has caught on something and that he can still be seen before the footlights as a Presidential probability. Congressman Bankhead is one of those who think yet that Hanna will get the Republican nomination, for the reason that Republican leaders seem to think that Roosevelt, with his impetuosity, fly-up-the-creek methods and lack of judgment, is too heavy a load to carry. It would be entirely too sensational a thing to be expected of the Republican national convention to elect Hanna.

They will have to nominate him—Rough Rider or no Rough Rider, hoofs, bear skin breeches and all. The Republicans, with Roosevelt in the race, will just have to get a clutch on the pommel of the saddle and try to dash under the wire with the "Rough Rider, whose natural gait is running away."

CAN PEOPLE BE TAUGHT NOT TO STAMPEDE?

It really seems, in the light of events, that fire-proof buildings are not so much needed as there is need for some method by which to teach people not to lose their heads like run-away horses when fire breaks out. People ought to learn the lesson to be brave and calm in the face of danger. The possibility of a fire that will not destroy a building, but will suffocate hundreds of panic-stricken people, is the thing to be guarded against.

Says the Washington Post: "The Democrats did their shouting for the Marshall Field Presidential boom one night, and discovered next morning that he is a director in the steel trust." All the Republican candidates mentioned so far belong to the steel trust, so what are we to do?

The Salisbury Truth-Index now comes to us as the Salisbury Globe. The Truth-Index was a few weeks ago bought by Editor H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, and he has associated with him Mr. J. B. Spillman, of Salisbury, in editing the Globe. It is an eight page paper, and is in every respect a splendid newspaper. The editorial page is quite bright, and as Brother Varner is a success himself we are sure the Globe will be a winner in the hands of himself and such an excellent newspaper man as Mr. Spillman.

President Eliot of Harvard College said in a recent speech that "the whole store of knowledge now available is too vast for any man to master, though he had 100 lives instead of one." This is a hard saying for some people who have known it all.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A policy that is not mindful of the rights and interests of other countries is not in harmony with the best interests of this country. It is short-sighted and inevitably brings lamentable results in due time. We cannot afford to confine attention to one side of the question.—Danville, Va., Register.

As "spheres of paramount influence" seem to figure largely in the Russo-Japanese dispute, Uncle Sam—with his long and bloodless experience in maintaining the Monroe Doctrine—ought to be able to give the disputants some pointers as to how to reach a conclusion without hostilities.—Norfolk Public Leader.

St. Louis has been selected as the place to hold the National Democratic convention and July 6 is the date. Chicago was at first the favorite, but it was insinuated that certain political and newspaper influence in that city would be in favor of a certain candidate. Mr. William R. Hearst has a paper in that city, was he the man the committee was afraid of? We had no idea Hearst was of such importance as all that.—Columbia, S. C. Record.

TWINKLINGS.

"I should think the happy condition of the streets would worry the women party men." "Oh, yes, it does worry some, but others have pretty ankles."

Out in the Cold—Sunday School Teacher: Why did Adam and Eve clothe themselves after the fall? Bright Scholar: "Cause winter comes after fall.—Puck.

Long: What you owe \$10,000? Don't worry you? Short: Not in the least. It's another \$10,000 I'd like to owe, but I can't; that worries me.—Chicago News.

"Grace can you tell me what is meant by a cubic yard?" "I don't know exactly, but I guess it's a yard that the Cuban children play in."—Boston Christian Register.

Butler—Do you remember all you read? Baker—I hope not. If I did I shouldn't enjoy the original writings of some of my friends, you know.—Boston Transcript.

Miss Passay—Really, I don't believe in a woman marrying her first love. Mr. Peppery—Oh, don't be discouraged. Your first love will come along some day.—Philadelphia Press.

Jack—You've heard about the escaping criminal who stepped on a slot machine and got a weigh? Well, yes, that's old. Jack—Well, even the bloodhound couldn't get his scent.—Yale Record.

Magistrate (sternly)—Didn't I tell you last time you were here I never wanted you to come before me again? Prisoner—Yes, sir; but I couldn't make the policemen believe it.—New Yorker.

Mrs. Ascum—But why didn't you buy the material if you liked it? Mrs. Nutrich—The salesman said it was domestic dress goods. Mrs. Ascum—Well? Mrs. Nutrich—You don't suppose I'd wear anything meant for domestics, do you?

"Hello!" said the dentist, meeting one of his patrons in a restaurant. "You seem to be having a good time. Enjoy your meals more since you got that new set of teeth, eh?" "Yes," replied the patient, "a good set of teeth prove excellent company when a man sits down to dinner." "You must be careful, though, how you pick your company."

Salisbury Sun: One of the most remarkable women in North Carolina is Mrs. A. Aaron, who is in Salisbury with her son, Mr. Thomas Aaron. She is 75 years old, yet so well preserved that one would judge her to be a quarter of a century younger. She has 22 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A Very Close Call. "I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite, and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run-down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by E. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 25c a bottle.

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PURSCHE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

At least a location for the Florence Crittenton Reunion Home in Charlotte has been secured. This is an institution to reform fallen women.

Wilson Times: So far \$2,700 have been pledged for the new opera house, and the promoters are greatly encouraged. The amount of stock to insure the success of the enterprise is \$5,000.

The Mechanics Perpetual Building and Loan Association of Charlotte has just wound up its 30th series of stock, the result being a disbursement of \$40,000, of which \$27,000 in cash went to investors and \$13,000 in cancelled mortgages to borrowers.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Salisbury on Tuesday, the statement showed that the deposits of the bank have increased \$45,000 over this time last year and there has been a corresponding increase in profits.

Durham Sun: The American Tobacco Company put a force of about two hundred men tearing away the small wooden building on Carr street, which stands at the intersection of Jackson street. This is another old landmark, having been erected when the Bull tobacco was put up in a wooden factory.

Salisbury Sun: Petitions are now being circulated asking for an election in Charlotte, in which a vote will be taken on the question of prohibition and saloons, or dispensary and saloons. Whichever of the three candidates—saloons, prohibition or dispensary—gets the most votes will be elected. Both the last named are candidates against the first.

Greensboro Record: The Guilford County Highway Commission had a meeting in the city to-day and decided to place an order for a quantity of tools to be used by the squad of fifty convicts from the State penitentiary who will arrive next week to be employed on the permanent road improvement in this county.

Civil Engineer W. B. Trogon to-day staked off the foundations for the hospital to be erected on Summit avenue by the Sisters of Charity and excavation will be begun at once.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Greensboro Furniture Manufacturing Company just held the business was found to be in a satisfactory and flourishing condition.

Tuesday Sheriff Reed, at Asheville, N. C., received a telephone message from the chief of police of Newberry, S. C., saying that he had captured John Long, who is wanted in connection with the alleged "petrification" frauds, perpetrated upon the Prestine Petrified Phenomenon Company, and for whom there was a reward of \$75. Later, however, the Newberry chief of police told Sheriff Reed that the "John Long" had turned out to be a young woman who was masquerading in men's clothes and working at the Bell Telephone Company.

The young woman gave her name as Clark and said she was from Asheville, and had been working for the Bell Telephone Company here and at Saluda in the capacity of a pole painter. Investigation reveals the fact that a "man" answering the description of the young woman did work with the construction gang of the Bell Telephone Company at Saluda lately.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

"Double Dutch" Won the Boys' Respectful Attention.

It is pleasant to see the little girls in public squares or on private sidewalks in quiet parts of the city busy with their jumping ropes. They never seem to weary of it and work an infinite variety of steps. "Salt, pepper, vinegar, mustard!"

At the turn of the rope, the little girls, industriously turning the skipping ropes and flying backward and forward over the flying hump. The rope is waved faster and faster as the condiments increase in fierceness. Back door or front door is the mandate of the jumper commanding the turners to turn the rope either away from or toward the jumper. At the signal "My little cup and saucer man!" over my head!" the jumping maiden stoops and raises her head.

But the triumphs of the rope skipper is in going through the motion called "double Dutch." This is a feat at which little brothers or boy cousins look with respect and admiration. Two ropes are turned at the same time, one in each direction, and real skill is required to jump over them without tripping or catching one's foot in the flying ropes. To jump double Dutch is the top ambition in this direction.—Philadelphia Record.

HARD TO EVEN HOBBLE.

A good example of how far cases have gone in Wilmington.

Nothing is more dangerous, if neglected, than kidney disease. If allowed to run on it attacks every organ and every part of the body. Here is a Wilmington case in point, in which a well known citizen points the short way out.

E. Posolt, merchant tailor, of Eighth North Front St., residing at 315 North Sixth street, says: "My life used to be a misery. I was in her case that proved to be an effective remedy. She suffered with her ankles and could scarcely get down stairs in the morning. We thought it was rheumatism and her ankles would be all puffed up every morning so she could hardly hobble around. Since I bought Doan's Kidney Pills at E. R. Bellamy's drug store and taking them she feels like another person. She is better in the morning, the swelling left her ankles and from the great relief she obtained we are only too glad to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to others."

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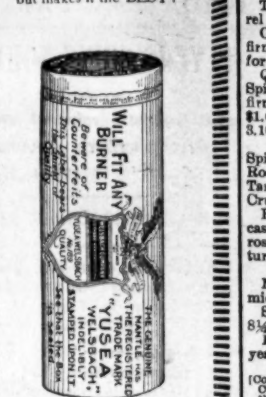
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25c formerly 30c
30c formerly 35c
35c formerly 50c

All Dealers

Leud's Campaign Toothpicks.

William S. Ballard, an employee of the senate, has an interesting relic of a California campaign. It is a celluloid toothpick with an excellent miniature likeness of Representative Leud of California printed on its back, with the inscription "My pick for congress." During the last campaign Mr. Leud's district was filled with these toothpicks. Popular hotels and eating houses served them to their guests, and thousands of his friends supplied them for their tables at home. The fight didn't prove to be a very close one. Leud polled over 5,000 more than his Democratic opponent.—Washington Star.

After One Coronation.

The late Lord Salisbury, the father of the present prime minister, died as one of the men of the coronation of George IV., and his reminiscences of the event are given in Notes and Queries. The weight of the robes gave each of the bearers "a Turkish bath of some hours' duration." The king suffered quite as much as the bearers. When the ceremony was over, his majesty was discovered in his dressing room at the abbey "walking up and down in a state of nudity, but with the crown on his head."

Rescued by a Baboon.

When Brehm, the German naturalist, was in Abyssinia, he and his party one day fell in with a band of baboons in a valley. The apes retired before the travelers, all save a poor, sickly creature, which sat on a rock and howled in fear and trembling. The visitors' dogs made a rush for the spot, but before they could reach it an old baboon darted down the hillside, picked up the young and sickly comrade from under the very nose of the dogs, which scattered in terror, and carried it off amid fierce barks of victory and derision.

Kites With Lanterns.

At the turn of the points in Maine, where they know how, flying kites to which lighted Chinese lanterns are attached is a very popular amusement. A good sized kite will carry a number of lanterns, and the effect when it is at some distance in the air is very striking. Where it is as the kite is tried it ought to be, as the feat is not a difficult one, it causes no end of sport.—Exchange.

Not Afraid of Competition.

"She must be a very pretty woman."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because she consents to have a pretty housemaid."—Chicago Post.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 15.

STEAMERS.

Eisa, (Ger) 1,702 tons, Ritter, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Oceanic, (Br) 3,049 tons, Davies, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Lille, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, J T Riley & Co.

Harry Meiser, 598 tons, Garland, C D Matiff.

O Lano, 306 tons, Kelley, (in distress) C D Matiff.

Emily F Northam, 316 tons, Dodd, C D Matiff.

Joe J Hanes, 556 tons, Wood, C D Matiff.

Edward Stewart, 353 tons, Mitchell, C D Matiff.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

BARQUES.

Holden, (Nov) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

Oslo, (Ger), 573 tons, Vois, Heide & Co.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, January 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$3.25 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at \$1.50 per barrel of 380 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$2.50 per barrel for hard, \$4.00 for dip, \$4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, firm at \$3.50; rosin, firm at \$1.45; turpentine, firm at \$1.60; crude turpentine, firm at \$1.80, \$1.10 and \$1.10.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine, 158

Rosin, 158

Tar, 38

Crude turpentine, 10

Receipts same day last year—10

crude turpentine, 77 barrels

rosin, 494 barrels tar, 19 barrels

turpentine.

COTTON.

Market dull at 13 1/4c per pound for middling.

Spots the day last year, market firm at 8 1/4c for middling.

Receipts—290 bales; same day last year, 338.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce contained in Commerce Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—New crop, Carolina, firm.

Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c; per bushel of twenty-eight pounds.

Virginia—Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; per bushel of twenty-eight pounds.

CORN—Firm; 57 1/2c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10c; sides, 12c.

EGGS—Firm at 35c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Growth, 25c; broilers, 30c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12c per lb. for live.

BEEF—Firm at 25c per lb.

LARD—Firm at 5 1/2c per lb.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 5c per bushel.

CATTLE—Firm at 9 1/2c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Money on call steady; 4c; time loans easier; sixty days 4c; ninety days 4 1/2c; three months 4 3/4c.

Prime commercial paper, 4 1/2c; sterling exchange, 4 1/2c; gold, 100c; silver, 75c.

U. S. 4s, 100c; 5s, 100c; 6s, 100c; 7s, 100c; 8s, 100c; 9s, 100c; 10s, 100c; 11s, 100c; 12s, 100c; 13s, 100c; 14s, 100c; 15s, 100c; 16s, 100c; 17s, 100c; 18s, 100c; 19s, 100c; 20s, 100c; 21s, 100c; 22s, 100c; 23s, 100c; 24s, 100c; 25s, 100c; 26s, 100c; 27s, 100c; 28s, 100c; 29s, 100c; 30s, 100c; 31s, 100c; 32s, 100c; 33s, 100c; 34s, 100c; 35s, 100c; 36s, 100c; 37s, 100c; 38s, 100c; 39s, 100c; 40s, 100c; 41s, 100c; 42s, 100c; 43s, 100c; 44s, 100c; 45s, 100c; 46s, 100c; 47s, 100c; 48s, 100c; 49s, 100c; 50s, 100c; 51s, 100c; 52s, 100c; 53s, 100c; 54s, 100c; 55s, 100c; 56s, 100c; 57s, 100c; 58s, 100c; 59s, 100c; 60s, 100c; 61s, 100c; 62s, 100c; 63s, 100c; 64s, 100c; 65s, 100c; 66s, 100c; 67s, 100c; 68s, 100c; 69s, 100c; 70s, 100c; 71s, 100c; 72s, 100c; 73s, 100c; 74s, 100c; 75s, 100c; 76s, 100c; 77s, 100c; 78s, 100c; 79s, 100c; 80s, 100c; 81s, 100c; 82s, 100c; 83s, 100c; 84s, 100c; 85s, 100c; 86s, 100c; 87s, 100c; 88s, 100c; 89s, 100c; 90s, 100c; 91s, 100c; 92s, 100c; 93s, 100c; 94s, 100c; 95s, 100c; 96s, 100c; 97s, 100c; 98s, 100c; 99s, 100c; 100s, 100c; 101s, 100c; 102s, 100c; 103s, 100c; 104s, 100c; 105s, 100c; 106s, 100c; 107s, 100c; 108s, 100c; 109s, 100c; 110s, 100c; 111s, 100c; 112s, 100c; 113s, 100c; 114s, 100c; 115s, 100c; 116s, 100c; 117s, 100c; 118s, 100c; 119s, 100c; 120s, 100c; 121s, 100c; 122s, 100c; 123s, 100c; 124s, 100c; 125s, 100c; 126s, 100c; 127s, 100c; 128s, 100c; 129s, 100c; 130s, 100c; 131s, 100c; 132s, 100c; 133s, 100c; 134s, 100c; 135s, 100c; 136s, 100c; 137s, 100c; 138s, 100c; 139s, 100c; 140s, 100c; 141s, 100c; 142s, 100c; 143s, 100c; 144s, 100c; 145s, 100c; 146s, 100c; 147s, 100c; 148s, 100c; 149s, 100c; 150s, 100c; 151s, 100c; 152s, 100c; 153s, 100c; 154s, 100c; 155s, 100c; 156s, 100c; 157s, 100c; 158s, 100c; 159s, 100c; 160s, 100c; 161s, 100c; 162s, 100c; 163s, 100c; 164s, 100c; 165s, 100c; 166s, 100c; 167s, 100c; 168s, 100c; 169s, 100c; 170s, 100c; 171s, 100c; 172s, 100c; 173s, 100c; 174s, 100c; 175s, 100c; 176s, 100c; 177s, 100c; 178s, 100c; 179s, 100c; 180s, 100c; 181s, 100c; 182s, 100c; 183s, 100c; 184s, 100c; 185s, 100c; 186s, 100c; 187s, 100c; 188s, 100c; 189s, 100c; 190s, 100c; 191s, 100c; 192s, 100c; 193s, 100c; 194s, 100c; 195s, 100c; 196s, 100c; 197s, 100c; 198s, 100c; 199s, 100c; 200s, 100c; 201s, 100c; 202s, 100c; 203s, 100c; 204s, 100c; 205s, 100c; 206s, 100c; 207s, 100c;

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We were in South Africa capturing wild beasts for the Royal Zoological gardens of London when we got word that a lion had entered a cattle kraal about five miles away the night previous and killed and carried off a steer. We made for the spot at once and began digging a pit.

When our pit was completed, it was 10 feet long, 6 feet wide and 12 feet deep, and we cut and drew up a lot of heavy poles to place across it in case we had to keep him prisoner for two or three days.

It was a full moon that night, and from the post in one of the huts I caught sight of the lion at about 9 o'clock. He came to within 200 feet of the kraal and sniffed the air as if his suspicions had been aroused. He was a fine target for a rifle, but under the circumstances he was safe from my fire. The cattle soon scattered him, and he was seen no more. He was a fine target for a rifle, but under the circumstances he was safe from my fire. The cattle soon scattered him, and he was seen no more. He was a fine target for a rifle, but under the circumstances he was safe from my fire. The cattle soon scattered him, and he was seen no more.

WHIPPED THE WRONG MAN.

"Fighting" over a telegraph wire with a man several hundred miles away is not an unusual occurrence among telegraph operators. W. H. Le Hew, a Seaboard Air line train dispatcher, tells of a fight he once had over the wire with an odd fellow. He was quarreling with an operator, J. H. Chapman, many miles out on the road, and as the quarrel waxed warm Le Hew declared he would go down the next day and personally whip his antagonist. Chapman thought it would result as most "wire scraps" do—in nothing—and did not worry any more about it, believing he and Le Hew would be as good friends as ever the next time they worked together over a wire. The next day, however, Le Hew boarded a local freight train and, according to his promise, got off at the distant station to whip Chapman. He walked into the telegraph office and demanded:

"Are you the operator here?"

"Yes, sir," replied the man at the instrument.

Without further ado Le Hew sailed in and whipped him.

That night Chapman called up Le Hew, saying he was surprised that Le Hew had come there while he was away at dinner and had whipped his substitute—New York Tribune.

Why He Changed.

"So Harold went on the stage as a tragedian, I understand."

"Yes; but he's a comedian now."

"Mistake his ability, eh?"

"Well, he found out the people were bound to laugh at him anyway, and he thought it less embarrassing to have them do it when he meant to be funny."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Manager Recompense.

Poetaster—If you couldn't print my poem why didn't you return it? I enclosed a stamp for that purpose.

Editor—Oh, that is what the stamp was for! I supposed it was sent as part payment for the labor of reading your poem.—Boston Transcript.

A Query.

Sho—Here's a puzzle for you. She—Let's have it.

Sho—Give a woman a bunch of photographs to examine, including one of her own, which one will she look at the longest and why?—Philadelphia Ledger.

Saved from Terrible Death.

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House of Representatives.

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It is reported that the majority of the powers recognize Japan's demands as being most moderate. While it is admitted here that the Russian reply is very dominant at St. Petersburg, reasonable though faint hope is entertained that Russia at the last moment will make adequate concessions.

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The questions of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria and Japan's sphere of influence in Korea are re-stated. Minister Hayashi said to a representative of the Associated Press: "So far as I can see relations of the two powers regarding the dispute practically are unchanged. I have no indication of the reception this note is likely to meet at the hands of the Russian government, but I expect the negotiations will continue for several weeks."

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